Rajya Sabha on the 9th November, 1987 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the price of Aminophylline and Theophylline have gone up from Rs. 170/- to Rs. 500|- per kg. since the last one year or so; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons for such a price increased?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) and (b) No prices were fixed for Aminophylline and Theophylline under Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1979. The required information is not available with the Government.

Implementation of Drug Prices

2362. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 126 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 9th November, 1987 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the prices of drugs and medicines upheld by the Delhi High Court in their judgement dated 31st August, 1987 have not been implemented so far;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

(c) whether it is a fact that the court gave directions regarding recovery of amount overcharged from the consumer; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof and what action has been taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) to (d) Government is examining the judgement.

Foreign assistance for power projects

2363. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Sweden has offered to extend assistance for hydel projects in India; if so, what are the details thereof;

(b) what is the number of power projects which are receiving financial assistance from foreign countries;

(c) what is the estimated cost of these projects, with their locations; and

(d) by when these projects are likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) Sweden has shown interest in assisting the implementation of hydro-electric projects in India. Mini/Micro Hydel projects for Guntur (2x2MW) and D-83/18th Mile (2x 0.75 MW) in Andhra Pradesh, Kakroi project (100 KW) in Haryana and Panam Canal Project (2 MW) in Gujarat, have been posed for Swedish assistance.

(b) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Hike in the Prices of Drugs

2364. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 40 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 9th November, 1987 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the prices of medicines have gone up more than 10 per cent to 20 per cent after the announcement of price control order;

(b) if so, what was the price of Calciol-Syrup, Rabipur vaccine, Sudafed Tablets and Syrups are Megodine Elixer before the announcement of the order and what is the price at present;

(c) what is the percent increase in each case; and

(d) what will be the percentage increase in prices of drugs shifted from old categories I and II to present category II of DPCO, 1987 alongwith the name of each drug?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND